

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1987 Pogue, D.J.
Seventeenth-Century Proprietary Rule and Rebellion: Archeology at Charles Calvert's Mattapany-Sewall, Maryland Archeology 23(1):1-37.
Submitted to The Archeological Society of Maryland

Library ID No: MDARC23-1

Sites examined:

18ST390

NRHP Listed: ☒

Project Details:

Project Justification:
The article presented in the journal is an abbreviated analysis of archeological work conducted at the Mattapany-Sewall Site (18ST390) in 1981 and 1982.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST390.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1981 Pogue, D.J.

Patuxent River Naval Air Station Cultural Resources Survey: Preliminary Report and Recommendations for Future Work.
Submitted to Department of Public Works, Patuxent River Naval Air Station

Library ID No: 00006419 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 36

Research Firm/Institution:

Naval Air Station, Environmental Protection Office
Patuxent River Naval Air Station
Lexington Park, MD 20670

Sites examined:

18ST390 18ST399

NRHP Listed: ☒

Project Details:

Phase I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	In compliance with Executive Order 11593, an archeological survey of the NAS was begun during the months of June-September in 1981. The goal of the survey was to produce a preliminary study of the archeological resources of NAS preparatory to launching a longer-term study which will fulfill the requirements of the Executive Order.
Phase III	

Project Objectives:
-Verify the location of various significant sites thought to be located at NAS.
-Most easily and efficiently examine a sample of the undisturbed portion of the facility.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST390.

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST399.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1983 Pogue, D.J.

Patuxent River Naval Air Station Cultural Resources Survey, Volume I: History and Archaeology.
Submitted to Public Works Department, Naval Air Station

Research Firm/Institution:

Naval Air Station, Environmental Protection Office
Patuxent River Naval Air Station
Lexington, MD 20670

Sites examined:

18ST390

18ST399

NRHP Listed: ☒

Project Details:

Phase I ☒

Project Justification:

Phase II ☒

Phase III

This volume contains the final draft of the report on the 1981 and 1982 surveys conducted at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. In compliance with Executive Order 11593, an archeological survey was conducted in order to produce a preliminary study of the archeological resources of NAS preparatory to launching a longer-term study which will fulfill the requirements of the Executive Order.

MAC Accession: 1998.032

Project Objectives:

-Verify the location of various significant sites thought to be located at NAS.

-Delineate the site limits of those resources, where appropriate, for planning purposes.

-Most easily and efficiently examine a sample of the undisturbed portion of the facility.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST390.

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST399.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1989 King, J.A.

Archaeological Investigations at Susquehanna: A 19th Century Farm Complex Aboard Patuxent River Naval Air Station, St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Submitted to The Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, MI

Library ID No: 00006447

Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 64

Research Firm/Institution:

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum

10515 Mackall Road

St. Leonard, MD 20685

Sites examined:

18ST399

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II ☒Phase III ☒

In 1986, the Susquehanna homelot was reconstructed from aerial photographs and site reconnaissance. The layout primarily reconstructed the early 20th century use of the site, but revealed little about the 19th century house and yard. Following this, the Henry Ford Museum funded a systematic archeological investigation at 18ST399 to test the proposed layout and recover additional information about the site's earlier occupation.

MAC Accession: 1998.036

Project Objectives:

-Recover information regarding the layout and use of the yards associated with the Susquehanna house and complex of agricultural buildings.

-Test the mid-19th century model of the homelot layout referenced on the 1848 USCGS map of Patuxent River.

Research Potential:

The Susquehanna Site (18ST399) is significant for its potential for contributing to the understanding of life in rural Southern Maryland from the 17th through the early 20th centuries. Numerous features related to the various phases of occupation have been identified and incorporated into an overview of the homelot layout. Expanded excavations would serve to further elucidate the transitions that occurred at the site in relation to ownership changes, shifts in agricultural methods and types, and architectural variants through time. Although no structure related to the earliest, 17th century, occupation have been identified to date, this should be an important goal for future work. If the site cannot be avoided, then intensive Phase III mitigation is recommended for the site.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2000 Chaney, E.E.

Phase I Archaeological Investigations Near Mattapany, Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Submitted to Natural Resources Branch, Environmental Support Division, Dept. of Public Works, Naval Air Station, Patuxent River

Library ID No: 97000634

Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 185

Research Firm/Institution:

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum

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St. Leonard, MD 20685

Sites examined:

18ST390

18ST655

18ST656

NRHP Eligible: ☒NRHP Eligible: ☐

NRHP Listed: ☒

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phase I/II investigations at the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, were conducted in 1991 and 1995/1996 as part of work to identify and inventory all archeological sites within the project boundary in accordance with Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended.
Phase III		

MAC Accession: 1998.033, 1998.034

Project Objectives:
-Identify any archeological sites within the project area.
-Design a program to reveal cultural resources of the lowest visibility for both prehistoric and historic sites.

Research Potential:

The significance of the Mattapany-Sewall Site (18ST390) has been determined and it was listed on the national Register of Historic Places in 1985. The site represents one of the earliest historic occupations in St. Mary's County and was the home of Charles Calvert, third Lord of Baltimore. It played an important role in the political history of the young Maryland colony. In addition to the historic component, there is a modest prehistoric component that is representative of, particularly, the Late Woodland period. It is recommended that the Navy should try to avoid any future disturbances within the site boundaries.

The prehistoric component at the Thomas Site (18ST655) suggested that the main period of early occupation was in the 1600's, or the end of the Late Woodland period. There is also evidence for more ephemeral activity from the Late Archaic through the Middle Woodland periods. It can only be tentatively postulated that the prehistoric site was a hamlet. Erosion of the Patuxent River bank, 19th century artifact 'collecting' by the Thomas family, and activities associated with the Navy's construction of Quarters A have no doubt greatly reduced the site's size. However, both the prehistoric and historic components at the site are potentially significant. The presence of buried topsoil in parts of the site suggests that intact features could be present. If the identified features do represent a prehistoric structure, then it would be one of few found in Southern Maryland. The possible presence of a colonial glass kiln is also significant. It was therefore recommended that 18ST655 should not be disturbed by future earth moving activities.

The Lister Site (18ST656) consists of a significant prehistoric occupation dating to the Late Woodland period. The site could be associated with the Late Woodland hamlet identified at 18ST655, which is located about 15 m to the north and east. A small, late Early to Middle Woodland short-term camp may be indicated by the Rossville point find. A late 17th -early 18th century structure, possibly with a specialized function, adds to the site's significance. It has been recommended that future disturbances to the site be avoided.
